

Thomas Jefferson to John Lenthall, October 21, 1806, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital. Edited by Saul K. Padover.

Jefferson to Lenthall THE PRESIDENT TO LENTHALL

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Dear Sir: The skylights in the dome of the House of Representatives' Chamber were a part of the plan as settled and communicated to Mr. Latrobe; that the preparation for them has not been made and the building now to be stopped for them has been wrong; to correct that wrong now they must be immediately prepared, and that the building may be delayed as short a time as possible as many hands as possible should be employed in preparing them.

Accept my salutations and best wishes.

[Glenn Brown, HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL, I, 42.]